

QUIDEL CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMITS MARK W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
10165 MCKELLAR COURT  
(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
QUIDEL CORP /DE/ [QDEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/25/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP-Commercial Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3)                    | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option | \$ 22.21                           | 02/25/2013       | A          | 33,142   |      |   |     |     | (1)                 | 02/25/2023         | Common<br>Stock | 33,142                              |
| Restricted<br>Stock Units     | (2)                                | 02/25/2013       | A          | 1,575  |      |   |     |     | (3)                 | (3)                | Common<br>Stock | 1,575                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| SMITS MARK W<br>10165 MCKELLAR COURT<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 |               |           | SVP-Commercial Operations |       |

## Signatures

Robert J. Bujarski, attorney-in-fact for Mark W. Smits

02/27/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) 16,571 shares will vest on the second anniversary date of the grant date, February 25, 2015. 8,285 shares will vest on the third anniversary date of the grant date, February 25, 2016. 8,286 shares will vest on the fourth anniversary date of the grant date, February 25, 2017.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Quidel Corporation common stock.

(3) 787 shares will vest on the second anniversary date of the grant date, February 25, 2015. 394 shares will vest on the third anniversary date of the grant date, February 25, 2016. 394 shares will vest on the fourth anniversary date of the grant date, February 25, 2017.

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